

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8842  
AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: CARR, CASC, TH  
SUBJ: INTEREST IN ARREST OF MORSE MISSIONARY FAMILY

1. EMBASSY ON AUGUST 4 RECEIVED CALL FROM MR. GENE CARTER (PARA 24 OF CHIANG MAI 285), CHAIRMAN OF THE PARENT MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE MORSE FAMILY. CARTER SAID HE CALLED TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN BEFORE CALLING UPON SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. CARTER MENTIONED DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER BY NAME. CARTER SPOKE WITH EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF (ANTIPPAS) AND INDICATED THAT HE HAD EARLIER SPOKEN WITH DAVID MORSE, A FAMILY MEMBER, WHO QUESTIONED EFFECTIVENESS OF AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI IN DEALING WITH THE ARREST OF THE MORSES.

2. ANTIPPAS ASSURED MR CARTER THAT THE CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL WERE WORKING INTENSIVELY ON THE CASE AND ARE IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THE MORSE FAMILY.

3. ANTIPPAS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE CONSUL AND VICE CONSUL IN CHIANG MAI HAD KEPT THE EMBASSY FULLY INFORMED AND EMBASSY WAS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY. CONSULATE CHIANG MAI OFFICERS WERE ALSO STAYING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE MORSE'S LEGAL COUNSEL. ANTIPPAS ALSO TOLD CARTER HE

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EXPECTED THE MEN WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO CHIANG MAI CITY ITSELF WHICH WOULD IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF INCARCERATION AND COMMUNICATION SHOULD EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BAIL NOT SUCCEED.

4. CONSUL ANTIPPAS ALSO INDICATED THAT EMBASSY WAS SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DG OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S DEPT AND OTHER RELEVANT OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO KEEP

ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE BANGKOK LEVEL. CARTER INDICATED HE APPRECIATED THIS NEWS AND WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN RESOURCES SHOULD BAIL BE GRANTD.

5. ANTIPPAS SUGGESTED THAT CARTER STAY IN TOUCH ON DEVELOPMENTS WITH CA/SCS IN THE DEPARTMENT. CARTER SAID HE WOULD. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS DESPATCHING A MORSE SON-IN-LAW THE EVENING OF AUGUST 4 FROM CALIFORNIA TO THAILAND TO FOLLOW THE SITUATION. CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF INDICATED WE WOULD BE READY TO RENDER ANY FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

6. CONSULATE CHIANG MAI IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.ABRAMOWITZ

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